

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully note that claims 41-57 are pending by virtue of the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application. In the Office Action, it is stated that claims 41-48 are pending.

Claim 48 has been amended to add further clarity. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendment. For instance, support for the amendment appears in the original claims of the application.

The sole outstanding rejection is of claims 41-48 under 35 U.S.C. 101 on grounds of claiming the same invention as claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent 6,727,049. The rejection is traversed.

Present claims 41-47 call for a photoresist composition and an article manufacture, whereas cited claims 1-8 are method claims. Present claims 48-57 also differ from the cited claims 1-8.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 804 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, the rejection is properly withdrawn.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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